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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the May 6, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 6, 2003.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21402-168). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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